

## **Three Enemies of Our Soul The World, The Flesh and The Devil**

- A. Some Presuppositions
  - a. We have opposition in Christianity
  - b. Successful Christianity **MUST** include Spiritual Warfare
  - c. We **MUST** understand the enemies of our soul, their strategic plan and the Spiritual weapons we've been give to defeat them and live victoriously
  - d. Spiritual warfare involves much more then rebuking the devil
- B. Three enemies
  - a. World – Man's systems in the world that are not authored by God nor God centered – (not the physical world)
  - b. Flesh – Unregenerate human desire that is contrary and opposes all that is Godly (Not the body – God made the body)
  - c. Devil – A fallen spiritual being bent on your everlasting destruction.
  - d. The World and the Flesh are energized by the Devil
- C. The World is your ENEMY
  - a. Satan is the god of this world – II Cor. 4:4-5
  - b. I John 5:19 –
  - c. I John 2:15-17 AMP – Do not love the world
- D. The World wars against the revelation of God and His truth – II Cor. 4:4
  - a. Value System
    - i. World - Performance based worth
    - ii. God – Worth based on His creative power
  - b. Power systems, political structures
    - i. World – Climb to the top, get control, command respect and obedience
    - ii. God – Become a servant
  - c. Materialism
    - i. World - Summed up in the philosophy, “He who dies with the most toys wins!”
    - ii. God – Lay up treasure in heaven where moths don't eat and rust doesn't corrupt
  - d. Philosophies – Ego, pride, and competition
    - i. World – “Express yourself”, “Be all you can be”, “You deserve a break today”, “Go for all the gusto you can”,
    - ii. God - Humble yourself under the mighty hand of God and he will lift you up.
  - e. Religions
    - i. World – No God, You're God, Everything is God, God is not God, God is mean and hard, God is there but not interested, God is all love and fluff,
    - ii. God – I am that I am, I love you and made a way for you to relate to me
- E. Our Victory over the World
  - a. I John 5:4-5 Our Faith
  - b. I John 4:4-5 The Spirit
  - c. Gal 6:14 The Cross

**The Flesh**  
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A. Review

- a. We must understand the enemies of our soul, their particular methods of warfare and our weapons for each one.
  - i. You can not cast out the flesh, nor crucify the devil!
- b. The World is our enemy – If you love the world you are an enemy of God
- c. The World is not the physical world, but the world systems, man's way of doing things without God. Value Systems, power structures, materialism, religions and philosophies
- d. Our victory over the World: Faith, Spirit, The Cross.

B. Our Second Enemy- The Flesh

- a. Flesh defined: Unregenerate human desire that is contrary to and opposes all that is Godly (Not the body – God made the body)
- b. Rom. 7:18
- c. Gal. 5:17-21
  - i. The flesh and the spirit are contrary to one another
  - ii. The “works of the flesh” defined
- d. Gal 6:8 – He that sows to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption
- e. I John 2:15-17 – Lust of the Flesh, lust of the eyes, pride of life

C. Is overcoming the flesh a real possibility? Rom 6:1-14

D. Overcoming the Flesh

- a. Romans 8:1-19
  - i. No Condemnation - Condemnation vrs conviction
  - ii. Law of the Spirit – Understanding produces Faith
  - iii. Walk in the Spirit – Gal. 5:15 – We've got this one backwards
  - iv. Mind the things of the spirit – verse. 5 – 7
  - v. Accept that I can not please God in the Flesh – verse 8
  - vi. Believe in the life that is already within you -10-11
  - vii. Accept the fact that you owe your flesh nothing – verse 12
  - viii. Mortify (kill, crucify) the deeds of the body - verse 13
    - 1. Gal. 2:20 / 5:24
  - ix. Be led of the Spirit – a proof of your spiritual lineage – verse 14
  - x. Acknowledge regularly the God is your loving father
  - xi. Understand your spiritual reward
  - xii. Reckon – To account for, figure, calculate – The difference between immediate fulfillment and eternal glory
  - xiii. Have an expectation for glorious sonship
- b. Math 26:41 – Watch and pray Spirit and flesh